



Private Stock Use



Trail Riding

Generally, the trails of Glacier National Park are open to stock (i.e., horses, mules, donkeys, and llamas) as well as foot travel. There are a few trails, due to their physical condition or unsuitability, that are not available for stock use. See list on reverse. Check for maintenance schedules to determine if rock and downfall have been cleared from the trails, and/or whether lingering snowfields may impeded your passage. It is a good idea to check on the status

of river crossings, especially the Middle Fork of the Flathead. Stock use is permitted on park roads when closed to motor vehicles with the exceptions of the Going-to-the-Sun Road (west of the Continental Divide) and the Camas Road. Dirt roads where stock use is permitted (when open to motor vehicles) are the Old Flathead Ranger Station Road from the Apgar concession barn and the spur road to the Apgar Lookout Trailhead.

Temporary Closures Day Use Limits

Certain conditions may cause trails to be closed to stock use. Generally, this is in the early summer, when they still have steep snow drifts, before trails have dried out sufficiently, or during extended periods of wet weather. Bear activity may also result in temporary closures at any time. To be certain, check at a

visitor center or ranger station. The day use limit shall be no more than 10 animals in a party, except on the trails listed on the reverse, where 20 shall be allowed due to special maintenance or other considerations. This list may be modified by the superintendent.

Overnight Camping

Overnight use of the backcountry is controlled by the issuance of a Backcountry Use Permit. Permits are issued at visitor centers, ranger stations, or the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center; or in advance, in person, or by mail. There is a fee of \$20 for each confirmed advance reservation and an additional per person per night fee of \$4 (age 17 and over), \$2 (age 9-16), and free (age 8 and under) for backcountry camping (June - September). Backcountry campgrounds have designated capacities for numbers of people and stock that cannot be exceeded. Competition is

very keen at some areas for available space from July to mid-August. Stock users are encouraged to plan overnight trips after this period, when trails and campgrounds are less crowded, in better condition for horse travel, and there are fewer insects. When planning an overnight backcountry trip using stock, be aware that certain campsites are not available for stock use due to size or resource considerations; see Glacier National Park's Backcountry Guide. Overnight use in designated campgrounds is limited to one stock party per night.

Loading Ramps Area Limits

If you are using a stock truck, there are loading ramps located at the sites listed on the reverse. Check at a visitor center or ranger station for exact locations. Overnight limits for specific campgrounds may not be exceeded for day use stop-overs; however, up to eight head may be taken into areas that do not allow overnight use. Also, parties

which exceed particular limits may pass through the area, but may not remain (Example: A 10-horse party may cross Brown Pass although only eight head at a time may stop at the Brown Pass Campground). An information sheet with details about parking and loading ramps for west side trailheads is available upon request.

Stock Use at Bowman Lake

Stock users may keep up to ten head of stock at the Bowman Lake Corral while they camp at Bowman Lake Campground (about 1/4 mile away). Prior

permission must be obtained from the Polebridge Ranger Station (888-7842). Noxious weed-seed free pellets and grain may be fed, but hay is prohibited.

Low Impact Stock Use

The proper use of Glacier's backcountry will prevent damage to the natural resources, maintain the aesthetic quality of the area, and avoid conflicts with other users. Please comply with the following regulations, guidelines, and Leave No Trace skills and ethics.

- Grazing of stock is not permitted. Stock users need to pack supplementary feed such as weed seed-free grain or pellets. Feed must be secured out of reach of bears using the established food hanging device or an NPS approved bear-resistant feed container which can be left on the ground in the hitchrail area.
- Transporting hay into or through Glacier National Park is prohibited, except on the portion of U.S. Highway 2 that passes through the park.

- Due to problems with noxious weeds, feeding hay at trailheads or backcountry campgrounds is prohibited.
- When not being used, pack and saddle stock must be tethered. Horses, llamas, or mules that are nervous “diggers” or “pawers” should be hobbled when tied to prevent unnecessary damage to the terrain. Please tie at least 200' from streams or lakes.
- Always use hitchracks where provided. Where there are no hitchracks, tie a rope between two trees, “a highline” away from the trail and hitch the stock to the rope. This avoids damage to the tree and trampling around the root system.
- Stock are not permitted in the camping areas of campgrounds. Load & unload at the hitchrails provided.

- Loose herding or trailing is prohibited.
- Hikers are required to stand quietly on the lower side of the trail and yield the right-of-way to stock. Many hikers do not know and understand the need for this procedure, so stock users are encouraged to courteously coach them on proper meeting procedures.
- Please stay on established trails. Cross-country riding is not permitted.
- Scatter manure after camping or stopping for long periods and smooth out any ruts or holes.
- Stock are not permitted in auto campgrounds.



Glacier National Park Trails Closed To Stock*

In the Lake McDonald Valley

Avalanche Creek Trail (Avalanche Campground to Avalanche Lake)
Loop Parking Area to junction with the Granite Park Trail)
Sperry Glacier Trail (Sperry Glacier to Sperry Chalet)
Trail of the Cedars Nature Trail
At Logan Pass
Hidden Lake Nature Trail
Highline Trail (Logan Pass to Granite Park Chalet)

In the Many Glacier Valley

Appekunny Falls Trail
Grinnell Glacier Trail
Hidden Falls Trail
Iceberg Lake hitch rail to Iceberg Lake
Josephine Walkway
Swiftcurrent Lake Nature Trail
In the St. Mary Valley
Baring Falls Trail from Sunrift Gorge

In the Two Medicine Valley

Spur Trail to Cobalt Lake (from the Two Medicine Pass Trail)
Dawson Pass Trail (Dawson Pass to Cutbank Pass Trail Junction)
Running Eagle Falls Nature Trail
In Other Parts of the Park
Hole-in-the-Wall Spur Trail (from Boulder Pass Trail)
Huckleberry Mountain Nature Trail
Spur Trail to Lake Francis (from the Boulder Pass Trail)

20-Head Limit (Day Use Only)

Apgar Lookout Trail
Apgar Mountain Loops
Apgar Flats Trail
Cracker Lake Trail
Gunsight Pass Trail
(Lake McDonald Lodge Trailhead to Sperry Chalet)
Josephine Lake/Grinnell Lake
(Horse Trails)
McDonald Valley Trails
Red Gap Pass Trail
(Many Glacier Road to Poia Lake)

Swiftcurrent Pass Trail
(Many Glacier to Granite Park)
Bowman Lake Road*
Inside North Fork Road*
The Old Flathead Ranger Station Road

** When closed to vehicles*

Check with Rangers for specific locations.

All other trails have a 10-head limit.

Loading Ramps

Overlength vehicles transporting stock are permitted to exceed length restrictions on the Going-to-the-Sun, to Packers Roost trailhead (on the west side) and Siyeh Bend Trailhead (on the east side).

Apgar Horse Concession
Bowman Lake
Camas Creek Trailhead
Chief Mountain Trailhead
Coal Creek Trailhead
Fielding Access Road Trailhead
Gunsight Pass Horse Trailhead
Kishenehn Trailhead
Lake McDonald Ranger Station

Lincoln Lake Trailhead
Logging Creek Ranger Station
Many Glacier Horse Concession
Mt. Henry at Two Medicine Trailhead
Nyack Trailhead
Packer's Roost Trailhead
Sperry Chalet Trailhead (near campstore)
Walton Ranger Station

Crossing the Border?

Special provisions and restrictions apply when crossing the International Boundary with stock. Canadian stockmen must have proof of a Coggins test, endorsed by a veterinarian. Call the Montana State Veterinarian (406) 444-2043 for more information.

U.S. stockmen must obtain a Horse Use Permit from Carway Customs; each animal must have had a Coggins test endorsed by a veterinarian, and must enter and exit at Carway. Length of stay is 72 hours. Call (403) 653-3009 for more details.

Campgrounds Outside the Park that Allow Stock

Devil Creek	(U.S. Forest Service)	.....	10 miles west of East Glacier on U.S. Highway 2
Chewing Blackbones	732-5577	.....	north of St. Mary, on Lower St. Mary Lake
Johnson's Campground	732-5565	.....	in St. Mary
Leanin' Tree	732-9285	.....	east of Babb on County Road 464
Duck Lake	338-5741	.....	4 miles east of Babb on County Road 464 (portable corrals required)